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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the National Sample Survey, there is a declining trend in the share of total expenditure in rural areas and the rural-urban divide in terms of the per-capita consumer expenditure is quite significant;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to bridge this gap?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) The estimated monthly per-capita consumption expenditures of people in rural and urban areas at current prices according to the surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation are as given below

Year	Average Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (Rs.)		Ratio Urban/Rural
	Rural	Urban	
1993-1994	281.40	458.00	1.63
1999-2000	486.16	854.92	1.76
2000-2001	494.90	914.57	1.85

(c) The programmes like Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) launched by the Government for income and employment generation in rural areas would contribute to the reduction of rural-urban divide in average per-capita consumption expenditure.